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1. FRG MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISCHNEWSKI PAID BRIEF VISIT TO UAE MAY 10-13. ACCORDING GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES HERE, VISIT STRICTLY OF GOOD WILL NATURE WITH NO RESULTING SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS. WISCHNEWSKI DID HAVE MEETINGS WITH BOTH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID HERE AND VICE PRESIDENT SHAIKH RASHID IN DUBAI AND PAID VISIT TO NORTHERN-MOST EMIRATE, RAS AL-KHAIMAH, AS WELL. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, GERMAN MINISTER SAID THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM "THE" OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS CONFIRMED THAT HE MEANT ALL RPT ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) AND THAT FRG SUPPORTS RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO SELF-DETERMINATION. MINISTER ALSO WELCOMED ARAB INVESTMENT IN FRG.

2. COMMENT: EVEN IF LACKING IN SUBSTANCE, WISCHNEWSKI VISIT UNDOUBTEDLY WELL RECEIVED HERE WHERE RECOGNITION REFLECTED IN VISITS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES STILL MOST WELCOME. VISIT SHOULD MOREOVER HELP COUNTERACT SOME OF BAD PUBLICITY WHICH, FOR VARIETY REASONS (E.G. FRG VISA POLICY TOWARDS ARABS), FRG AND ITS EMBASSY HERE HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN RECENT MONTHS.

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